

Torrance, California  
September 2, 1958

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 5:30 P. M. Tuesday, September 2, 1958, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Whitacre were:  
COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Isen. ABSENT:  
COUNCILMEN: Jahn. City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Bill Liepman, the son of Kurt Liepman of the Torrance Press, led the salute to our flag.

Councilman J. A. Beasley opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Benstead moved that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held August 26, 1958, be approved with the following correction:

On Page 6, Item 4, subsequent to the Hearing having been closed, Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission; the motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Motion for approval with correction seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

HEARINGS:

1. Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for:  
CASE NO. 529: Third and Final Hearing on petition of Torrance Planning Commission for Change of Zone from A-1 (Light Agriculture) to C-3 (Solely Commercial) on property located in portion of Lot 28, Meadow Park Tract.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented the Affidavit of Publication. There were no objections, and this was accepted and ordered filed.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard.

There was no reply.

Councilman Blount moved to close this Hearing.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Drale noted that the width of Lomita Boulevard varied to a marked degree as shown on the sketch. He asked why this is.

The City Engineer said that part of Lomita Blvd. condemned for highway purposes some time ago is 100' wide, but that he thought it had been agreed about two years ago to cut the width of the street to 80'. He noted that the Vickers property is placed to allow for an 80' street.

Councilman Drale suggested that it should be a 100' boulevard, noting the heavy traffic that is expected there, and saying it is 100' wide east of Crenshaw.

The City Engineer said that may be a matter for Council policy; he said the Staff, the City Manager, and he were agreed that it would be an 80' street. In reply to a question from Councilman Blount, he said that west of Hawthorne, it had already been dedicated through the tract as a 100' street.

In reply to a question from Councilman Beasley, the City Engineer said we are trying to get 40' on either side of the existing center line of the street. He said Mr. Patrick, his assistant, is working on it now. If the Council wishes it, they will try to get the land for a 100' street there.

Planning Director Powell pointed out that Vickers and Union are established on the north side of that street, and Ryan and Union on the south. For that reason, this width has been requested whenever any rezoning has been done in the area.

Councilman Benstead asked if a part of this right of way owned by the City is still 100' wide, and the City Engineer said it is; he said if we wish, we could vacate the 10' on each side to make it 80' in width.

Mayor Isen thought this street should be uniform in width.

The City Manager said he believed this should be an 80' street, as that would probably be ample.

Mayor Isen asked if the work would be done so that we would get County aid, and the City Manager said it would.

Councilman Beasley thought if this is to be an 80' street the 10' on either side should be vacated where 100' is owned by the City.

The City Engineer said our plans show a street with paving 56' wide with an 80' right of way.

Mayor Isen thought we should wait a while before we vacate the land, to see how the area develops.

Councilman Drale thought everything should be planned so it can be a 100' street, so it will handle the heavy industrial traffic.

Councilman Benstead pointed out that the Union Oil Co. tank farm may stop that.

The City Engineer reported that our present plans are for a 4-lane street.

The City Manager agreed, saying this is an industrial highway.

Mr. Bishop said our plans for a 56' street allow for 4 lanes of traffic, with parking on one side only, but the street can be made wider later on if the Council decides it is necessary.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

Mayor Isen wanted the record to show that any future building there should be done with this discussion in mind.

Councilman Beasley said he would like to refer this to the Staff for consideration of a 100' boulevard there.

Councilman Drale said he would second such a motion.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

## 2. Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for:

Hearing on an Ordinance adding Subsection "N" to Section 15 of Appendix I of "The Code of the City of Torrance, 1954" providing that all land being subdivided for single-family residences shall be rezoned R-1.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented the Affidavit of Publication.

There were no objections, and this was ordered accepted and filed.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard.

There was no reply.

Councilman Blount moved the Hearing be closed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Benstead moved that after the Deputy City Clerk has assigned the proper number to each, and read the title of each Ordinance and Resolution presented here tonight, the Council dispense with further reading of them.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1013

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SUBSECTION "N" TO SECTION 15 OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" PROVIDING THAT ALL LAND BEING SUBDIVIDED FOR SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES SHALL BE REZONED R-1.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1013 at its first reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

3. Mayor Isen announced this was the time for the Hearing on: RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO ABATE NUISANCE NO. 3546.

He stated that the following parcels should be excluded from this hearing, as they could not be posted 10 days prior to the hearing: 622, 624 through 626; 653 through 655; 665; 667 through 672; 753 through 760. These parcels will be included in next week's hearing.

He announced this was the time and place for the Hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 3546, declaring parcels Nos. 541 through 788, with the exceptions noted, described in said Resolution to be a public nuisance, and providing for the abatement thereof.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented the Affidavits of Posting.

Councilman Benstead moved these be received and filed.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

There was no reply to the Mayor's question as to whether anyone wished to be heard.

Councilman Blount moved to close the Hearing.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3551

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CARBOHAD CORPORATION, INC., AND THEIR EMPLOYEES TO ABATE THE NUISANCE LOCATED ON PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION NO. 3546.

Councilman Beasley moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3551.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. An August 29, 1958, letter from Gale Whitacre, Temporary Chairman of the Torrance City Employees' Credit Union Committee, requested payroll deductions and office space. He explained this is a group just being organized.

There were recommendations for approval of the requests from the City Manager and Finance Director.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the requests.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

2. An August 27, 1958, letter from Don Wilson, 2918 W. Compton Blvd., Gardena, referred to Tentative Map of Tract 22228 in the City of Torrance, and stated that since no action was taken by the City Council on that Map at their meeting of August 26, 1958, the City Clerk should certify the approval of the City Council of the map. The letter was addressed to the City Clerk.

Mayor Isen reported that according to the City Attorney, this must be acted upon within 10 days.

Councilman Beasley moved to take Tentative Tract Map No. 22228 from the table.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve Tentative Tract Map No. 22228.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford.

Councilman Beasley asked to amend the motion as follows: "That by the approval by the City of the recording of such map the City expressly reserves the right to operate the water distribution system on the tract and serve the occupants thereof at such later date as the City may elect, and further reserves the right, if the City sees fit to do so, to enter into a joint use agreement with the Dominguez Water Corporation, pursuant to which the City would permit Dominguez to serve the occupants of the tract for an agreed period of time, after which the water distribution system should be transferred to the City without cost or upon such terms as may be agreeable to the City."

In response to a question, the City Attorney said he would recommend adoption of that amendment to the motion. As to whether or not this would be acceptable to Dominguez, Mr. Remelmeyer said he did not know.

Mayor Isen seconded the amendment.

Councilman Drale said Dominguez had given the City the water rights which form the Torrance Municipal Water District, and he thought the only way to get their rights was to buy them. He thought they should serve this tract, saying they had given us the land for our dump site and had dedicated us 28 acres of land. They have owned the property for many many years and he thought we should honor their water rights.

Mayor Isen replied that when the City attempted to acquire the original Dominguez water system, it was in litigation for years and a price was set by the Courts for those rights and the price was paid; the 28 acres to which Councilman Drale referred was a sump and Mayor Isen felt it had been dedicated to the City for that reason.

Councilman Beasley felt unless we had a policy and followed it, we had no right to hold up this Tract.

Councilman Drale said when some of the tracts in that area had been approved, the City had not been in a position to serve them. He believed if we wanted their water rights we should enter into negotiations with them and buy the rights, and he stated he believed the same applied to the Moneta Water Company.

Councilman Beasley withdrew his amendment to the motion, and Mayor Isen withdrew his second to it.

The City Attorney reminded the Council of the many reasons for such an amendment.

The Council discussed this with the City Attorney.

Mayor Isen recalled the two letters in the record of the last meeting in which Mr. Don Wilson and the Dominguez Water Co. had said we have equal rights to serve the tract.

Councilman Blount could see nothing here which would harm the City. He felt the amendment might be useless, but it could not hurt anyone.

Councilman Beasley renewed his motion for the same amendment to the motion.

Amendment seconded by Councilman Blount, and carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Drale. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Jahn.

Mayor Isen said the tracts in that area had mostly been approved a few months before he had come on the Council; at that time, Councilman Blount had consistently voted 'No' on tracts which would not be served by the City's water system. Mayor Isen said it will - or may -

cost the City a great deal of money to get these rights. He felt there was no time like the present to start on a program for the Municipal System to serve all of Torrance.

Councilman Drale asked that the record show that the only way we can get the rights is to enter into negotiations and buy them.

Mayor Isen asked if there was anything to prevent concurrent water service, and the City Attorney said there is not.

Councilman Blount thought it would be foolish to lay duplicate water lines.

Councilman Benstead asked how many lots in the tract do not conform to the Ordinance.

George Powell, Planning Director, said 132; that many have less than 60' of frontage. The smallest is 55' x 110', meaning that all have more than 6,000 sq. ft.

Motion, as amended, carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Bradford, Drale. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Jahn.

Mayor Isen said the water problem is something we have to get into, and we would be better off to get the water rights. Until such time as there is a going system out there, he moved the City Attorney file a condemnation or other appropriate action as to acquire the right to serve water to this Tract 22228 and give the Council a report as soon as possible of what can be legally done to make such an acquisition.

Councilman Beasley seconded the motion.

Councilman Drale thought we should ask them about it and perhaps negotiate.

Councilman Beasley thought we should wait until after the meeting the Council has set with representatives of Dominguez, and he withdrew his second.

Mayor Isen asked how long it takes for a final map to get here, and the City Attorney said it might be months.

Mayor Isen withdrew his motion, saying perhaps something can be worked out, and if it cannot, perhaps we should try to buy the rights before they put in the pipe and go into business there.

3. An August 26, 1958, memo from John Patrick, Asst. to City Engr., was addressed to the City Manager and concerned the Los Angeles County Sanitation District Palos Verdes Sewer Connection. Mr. Patrick said in their request for the connection of sewers to serve the City of Palos Verdes Estates, they state they will accept and maintain the sewers and guarantee the City of Torrance the capacity required for our sewers. Mr. Patrick said his office would like to recommend this connection be granted, and that a resolution be drawn giving the L. A. County Sanitation District jurisdiction over the sewer line along Pacific Coast Highway, Janet Lane, Newton St., Vista Montana and Paseo de las Tortugas, and easements as shown on the map which he submitted with the letter. Mr. Patrick said it is also necessary that the County Sanitation District, or the City of Palos Verdes, obtain easements from the land owner for the construction through private property.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with Mr. Patrick's recommendations.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Benstead asked City Engineer Bishop if he concurred with Mr. Patrick's recommendations, and Mr. Bishop said he would if they just say they will accept and maintain the sewer all the way down providing only one connection is made. If this point is resolved by the City and County, he said he would approve.

Councilman Blount said he would like to see the map the memo made reference to.

The City Manager presented the map, saying he believed we would be doing this for the Sanitation District to which we belong. They agree to guarantee our capacity, which is important, and say they will

take over the maintenance, which is also very important. He pointed out that the map shows one line leading into our system.

Councilman Drale amended his motion to approve the request with one outlet at this time, as shown on the map presented by the City Manager.

Councilman Beasley accepted the amendment in his second to the motion.

Motion, as amended, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

Councilman Blount commented it is far easier for Palos Verdes to get sewers through Torrance than it is for us to get the streets through there.

4. An August 26, 1958, letter from the Los Angeles Dodgers, 435 E. 42nd Place, signed by Mel Winters, Ticket Promotions, informed the Council that Saturday, September 27 has been designated by them as 'City Employees Day' for all of the City employees of Southern California. He explained the rates which will be available, and outlined various programs they plan for the day.

There were no objections, and the invitation contained in the letter to participate was ordered accepted.

Councilman Beasley asked if it could be arranged to have bus transportation available as has been done in other instances.

Assistant City Manager Mansfield said such transportation is available.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen directed Mr. Mansfield to refer this to the Chamber of Commerce and ask if they will publicize and promote this.

5. An August 20, 1958, letter from the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, enclosed their invoice dated August 19, 1958, in the amount of \$13,788.00 to cover the estimated cost of widening and improving bridges and appurtenant roadway crossing facilities at Western Avenue and Gramercy Place as requested in connection with the improvement of Dominguez Channel from Denker Avenue to Gramercy Place. This was in accordance with the provisions of Agreement dated August 5, 1958 between the City and the District.

Councilman Drale moved the remittance be made as requested.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

6. An April 31, 1958, letter from Jack T. Gee, 344 So. Spalding, Beverly Hills, requested payment of \$91 which he stated was withheld out of his salary in error by the City of Torrance.

Councilman Beasley moved this request be denied and referred to the City Attorney.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

7. An August 26, 1958, letter from Dominguez Water Corporation, 21718 So. Alameda St., Long Beach 10, California, signed by T. V. Tallon, General Manager and Chief Engineer, submitted their estimate of cost for material and labor to install an 8-inch fire service for the new public works yard as follows: "Installation of 8" fire service and appurtenances, \$1,751.11". The letter stated that cost did not include construction of the vault which is to be furnished by others, and that there will be no charge for the installation of a domestic service.

Councilman Drale asked if we cannot serve that.

The City Manager outlined the various possibilities.

Councilman Beasley moved to refer this to the City Manager and the Superintendent of the Water Dept. for estimates of cost to the City for serving this from our own system.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

8. An August 27, 1958, letter from Vegas Airways, Inc., signed by David B. Stewart, President, withdrew without prejudice their offer contained in their letters dated April 1, 1958, and May 24, 1958, to lease additional land at Torrance Airport.

Councilman Blount moved this be filed as a matter of record. There were no objections and it was so ordered.

9. An August 29, 1958, letter from E. Arnold Oppenheim, 215 W. 5th Street, Los Angeles, requested the City to vacate a portion of a 100' easement in 3-1/4 acres of hillside property fronting on Rolling Hills Road which Mr. Oppenheim owns. He also requested that a small additional area be vacated by the City at the most northerly frontage of the said 3-1/4 acres, where the new turn-off has been constructed from Crenshaw to Rolling Hills Road.

Mayor Isen asked if this was not a part of the area the Parks & Recreation Commission has been considering for a roadside picnic park.

Councilman Blount asked to see a map of the area before any action is taken.

Councilman Benstead moved to refer this to the Park & Recreation Commission.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Blount repeated that when this comes back he wants to see a map of the area.

Mr. Oppenheim came forward and said he did not believe this to be the same property.

Mayor Isen told him the Council should have the recommendation from the Commission on this.

10. A Resolution, No. 3489 (adopted June 17, 1958), requesting that the Board of Supervisors temporarily extend criminal jurisdiction to the Inglewood Branch of the Los Angeles Superior Court and permanently establish a branch of the Superior Court in Torrance. (For discussion, as is Item 11 which follows).

11. A Resolution submitted by City Attorney of Inglewood, Mark Allen, regarding Resolution 3489 adopted June 17, 1958, by the City of Torrance.

Mayor Isen said we had asked for a branch of the Superior Court in Torrance in the Resolution which was here. He went on to explain the intricacies of the problem, saying that would not be considered now. We had also requested to be a part of the Inglewood-South Bay District, rather than a part of the Long Beach District. The latter request will not even be considered until a Resolution such as the one presented here as Item 11 has been passed.

Mayor Isen said he has been assured that once this is under way, a location in the center of things where it will be easy for everyone to reach will be sought. The various Mayors have each told him they do not care where the Court rooms are, just so they are easy to reach. He believed that even though Inglewood is at the northernmost end of the District, it would serve us better than Long Beach. He thought we would get faster and cheaper service this way than we would by going through Long Beach.

Mayor Isen said that all in all, he would recommend the adoption of this Resolution.

The City Attorney agreed with the Mayor.

The Council discussed this with the Mayor and the City Attorney in some detail, referring to specific parts of the Resolution.

Mayor Isen recommended that the Council pass such a Resolution and send it to the Judge and notify the interested cities that this had been done, and he so moved.

Councilman Drale seconded the motion, no objections, so ordered.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3554

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE IMMEDIATE ESTABLISHMENT OF CRIMINAL JURISDICTION FOR A COURT SERVING THE SOUTH BAY AND CENTINELA VALLEY AREA AND SUPPORTING THE MULTI-JUDGE REGIONAL SUPERIOR COURT PLAN; AND REQUESTING THE TRANSFER OF THIS CITY TO SUCH COURT UPON ESTABLISHMENT OF CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 3554. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

At 6:30 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council re-convening at 6:40 P. M.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

In a letter dated August 28, 1958, the City Manager submitted the following recommendations for Council consideration and approval:

PERSONNEL:

1. Some time ago a classification plan for the City of Torrance, prepared by the Cooperative Personnel Services of the State of California, was submitted to you for study. The plan has been accepted by the Civil Service Board, with the exception that the classification of "License Inspector" be changed to "License Clerk".

I recommend that the classification plan, as finally submitted by the State, be adopted. I believe that the classification of "License Inspector" is a better title for the position than that of "License Clerk".

2. That Fire Chief Benner be authorized to attend the 85th Annual Conference of the International Association of Fire Chiefs in Los Angeles, September 15 to 18, 1958, with appropriate expenses paid.

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. For the purchase of Reloading Equipment, for the Police Department, the sum of \$898.04. This is a budget item. Explanation submitted.

CONTRACTS:

1. Contracts for operating Bus Stations at 1014 South Hill St., Los Angeles, and at Charley's Cafe in Torrance expire September 21, 1958. The present contracts can probably be re-negotiated on the same terms.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with all recommendations of the City Manager listed above.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

Councilman Beasley asked if we have any control of the stations and their cleaning, and Councilman Benstead replied that he felt we



had them in a poor place, but there was nothing we could do about it.

The City Manager asked if the motion meant he was authorized to negotiate the two contracts, and the Mayor said he was.

A lady in the audience asked if City employees would have any right to protest their individual job classifications under the plan adopted tonight, and the City Manager replied anyone who wished to discuss their own case might do so, and they would be interviewed.

Councilman Benstead asked if there were some changes in salaries under this plan, and the City Manager said this was their job classifications only. He felt this was not the year to adopt the salaries they had recommended.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY:

1. An August 26, 1958, letter from the City Attorney, requested a policy decision from the Council on the repair of sidewalks within the City.

Mayor Isen thought we should keep on as we have been doing, and Councilman Benstead agreed with him.

Councilman Beasley moved the communication be filed as a matter of record.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

2. With a letter dated August 27, 1958, the City Attorney submitted to the Council an ordinance re rules of order for the City Council. This was done in accordance with the Council's direction to him at the meeting of April 15, 1958. He called attention to the fact that the new ordinance repeals Section 2.5 of the Code establishing the place of holding Council meetings, since this item is included under Section 2.100, Paragraph (b) of the attached ordinance. He also pointed out that Sections B, C, D, E and F are a revised (by him) digest of Robert's Rules of Order. He thought these revised rules simpler and more efficient for the conduct of the Council's business. The City Attorney reported that Sections A and G are designed to formalize the existing procedure.

Mayor Isen assumed the Councilmen wanted to study this further. He suggested they consider an item being inserted among the rules, being one about abstaining. He thought the people have the right to know how Councilmen feel on any issue, and unless a Councilman has a personal interest so cannot vote under the law, he felt there should be no such thing as an 'Abstain' vote.

Councilman Blount disagreed, saying an 'Abstain' vote was a better vote than the vote of an uninformed Councilman. He did not believe the Council should have an iron-clad rule on this.

Councilman Bradford agreed with Councilman Blount, giving the example of a new Councilman, uninformed on issues which may have taken much long and arduous work on the part of a Council.

The City Attorney explained, in reply to a question from Councilman Benstead, that this set of rules was made up from Roberts, the old rules of the Council, and from the rules of many other Cities.

There were no objections, and this was ordered held for study.

3. With a cover letter dated August 27, 1958, the City Attorney submitted a proposed ordinance amending section of Appendix I relating to accessibility to building sites and living quarters. The letter explained that the ordinance was drawn at the request of Planning Director Powell to allow for a second residential unit to be built on large A-1 (Agriculture) zoned lots.

Councilman Beasley moved to send this to the Planning Commission for study and recommendation.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CHIEF OF POLICE:

An August 25, 1958, letter from the Chief of Police, concerned the purchase of three motorcycles from R. B. Walker, Harley Davidson agent for the area. He explained that R. B. Walker had bid \$1624.27 each for the motors, the same as last year's bid. He requested that the purchase of the motorcycles be expedited as it will take from 45 to 60 days for delivery.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the Chief of Police.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present, (Jahn absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

1. An August 26, 1958, letter from the Bay-Harbor Osteopathic Hospital, 25916 Western Ave., Harbor City, signed by Glenn A. Wymore, President, requested a renewal of their license to solicit funds in Torrance from the doctors of Osteopathy and their patients and friends.

A memo from the License Inspector, Gale Whitacre, reported that the group has been approved for fund raising by the Dept. of Social Service of the City of Los Angeles, that Chief of Police Bennett recommended approval, and that therefore Mr. Whitacre recommended a free license be granted for the balance of the year 1958.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the License Inspector.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM WATER DEPARTMENT:

1. A communication which the Council had referred to Mr. McVicar, Supt. of the Water Dept., from J. H. Hull, Supt. of Schools, was back on the agenda tonight with Mr. McVicar's recommendation.

The letter from the School District had requested water service at the Columbia Elementary School, at 4502 - 186th Street.

In a letter dated August 28, 1958, Mr. McVicar wrote that "The service of our water to the new Columbia Elementary School involves boring and casing under Hawthorne Ave., and installing some 1,000' of pipe to the location of the requested 3" meter. This line in 186th St. west of Hawthorne should be made large enough to ultimately serve the El Nido area now being served by the Belvidere Mutual Water Co. Because there is no possibility of refund to the School District under our normal main extension rules, we recommend that an 8" water main be installed for the full length of 186th St. west of Hawthorne, some 1,390', and that 1/2 the cost of this line be borne by the School District and the balance by the Water District. The total cost of the 8' line is estimated at \$9,618, half of which is \$4,809. The School District, in addition, will be charged for the 3" service at an estimated cost of \$1,050.

"May we have your authorization to proceed with this work?"

In response to a query from Mayor Isen, Mr. McVicar explained that the School District knows they will be charged for this.

Mayor Isen moved to grant the authorization to proceed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

2. With a letter dated August 27, 1958, Mr. A. E. McVicar, Supt. of the Water Dept., submitted a letter from the Moneta Water Co. asking for permission to make a cross connection from our 12" Arlington line to their 12" 182nd St. line. Mr. McVicar felt this to be a good solution to their problem, and stated we have ample supply at this point and would expect to charge them a slight handling fee of \$2 per acre foot or \$27 per acre foot total. The transaction will

cost the City nothing.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the request.  
Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Jahn.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

1. In a letter dated August 28, 1958, Planning Director Powell requested that the date for the Third and Final Hearing of Planning Commission Case No. 528 be set.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen set the Hearing for September 23, 1958, at 8:00 P. M. in the Council Chamber.

2. An August 26, 1958, letter from Planning Director Powell submitted a copy of a letter from the Torrance Unified School District asking for a Change of Zone from R-1 and R-2 to C-2 on a parcel of land known as the Old Walteria School Site. They asked that the usual fee of \$50 be waived on this application as they are a public agency and feel they should be exempt from payment.

Mayor Isen moved the fee be waived.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

3. In a letter dated August 28, 1958, Planning Director Powell submitted the Planning Commission's recommendation for approval of the following application for Waiver:

Wayne & Eva Pratt, 5625 Paseo de Pablo, requesting waiver of rear yard requirements per plot plan attached to application.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.

#### REPORTS:

1. The office of the City Clerk reported that they now have on file Resolution from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Resolution No. 5347 levying taxes for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1958 and ending June 30, 1959, for the purposes of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

#### RESOLUTIONS:

1. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 3552

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND MC ALPINE & REDFEARN FOR FUELING AND LUBRICATING INSTALLATIONS AT THE NEW CITY YARD AT 20466 MADRONA AVENUE.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 3552, with the corrected agreement submitted to the Council tonight.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

2. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3553

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THAT WEEDS GROWING UPON AND IN FRONT OF, AND RUBBISH, REFUSE AND DIRT UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTY IN THE CITY ARE A PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3553. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

ORDINANCES:

1. An August 28, 1958, cover letter from City Clerk Bartlett presented for its second reading Ordinance No. 1009, which was approved at its first reading by the following roll call vote:  
AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale.  
Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1009

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 17.60 ENTITLED "METHOD OF PARKING IN PLACES WHERE PERMITTED" AND SUBSTITUTING NEW PROVISIONS THEREFOR RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

Councilman Blount moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 1009 at its second and final reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

2. With a cover letter dated August 27, 1958, the City Attorney submitted a proposed ordinance prohibiting electric fences and barbed wire fences. This had been approved by the Staff generally and specifically by Messrs. Russell, Bishop, Schlens and Powell.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1011

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 18.34 TO "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO PROHIBIT ELECTRIC FENCES AND BARBED WIRE FENCES EXCEPT ON TOP OF FENCES AT LEAST SIXTY INCHES HIGH.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1011 at its first reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

3. An August 27, 1958, letter from the City Attorney submitted for its first reading a proposed ordinance requiring the fencing of swimming pools. This was prepared in accordance with direction from the City Council.

Mayor Isen noted that this requires a 'latching gate', and asked if it should not require padlocked gates.

Planning Director Powell told the Council that this was thought to be better than a locked gate.

The City Attorney explained that children can sometimes climb a fence and get into a pool and drown before the rescuers can open a locked gate; often this happens during the hours when only women are available to offer help, and they cannot open the gates nor can they climb over the fences to reach the pool.

Jack McKinnon, Assist. Bldg. Supt., reported that many cities in Southern California having such ordinances were contacted, and it was the consensus that a latching gate served the purpose better than a locked gate. He explained that toddlers are protected by this, and that larger children or teen-agers would not be greatly deterred by padlocked gates in any event.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

#### ORDINANCE NO. 1012

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 18.35 TO "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO PROVIDE FOR THE FENCING OF SWIMMING POOLS.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1012 at its first reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

Mayor Isen said the ordinance setting up the Water Commission had been held for a week for study, and it should have been here tonight. He asked that it be on the agenda for the next meeting without fail.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Wesley Bagnell, representing the Downtown Retail Merchants branch of the Chamber of Commerce, was invited to speak to the Council at this time about the Torrance Home Show.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read a letter from them, asking permission of the City to close off Parking Lot #3 for the dates of September 5, 6, 7, 1958. They also asked that streets and driveways of egress be temporarily blocked off. This letter, dated August 29, was signed by Del Nadeau, President of the Downtown Retail Merchants Association.

Councilman Benstead asked if there was a recommendation on this from the Chief of Police.

Mayor Isen said the Chief had recommended approval today, but he thought this should be considered subject to the Chief's written recommendation.

Councilman Blount asked which 'alleys and streets' are meant.

Mr. Bagnell discussed this with the Council, saying they only want to close the parts of the streets necessary for bringing in supplies and materials for the show.

Mayor Isen moved the request be granted subject to the Chief of Police giving his approval in writing and filing it with the City Manager.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Blount referred to a statement from Mr. Bagnell about closing certain parking meters, saying he could not see the necessity for that.

Mr. Bagnell said they only want to do that while they are unloading and loading material to and from the auditorium.

Mayor Isen said it would be subject to the Chief's approval.

Councilman Benstead said he would not go along with closing the streets.

Mayor Isen amended his motion to exclude streets from being closed, and the amendment was accepted in the second to the motion.

Motion, as amended, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

Mr. Bagnell told the Council they are requesting a free license for loud speaker use.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre said that fee is \$10 and if it is granted, he would recommend it be subject to the same limitations as imposed on other such requests.

Councilman Drale moved the free license for loud speaker use be granted, subject to the usual limitations, and the approval of the License Inspector.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Bradford, Drale, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Jahn.

The City Manager reported we are attempting to furnish the City Yard and to save the delays he requested permission to let contracts for over \$300 with the understanding that he will take at least 3 bids on each item and would bring the information back to the Council in each case. He said we must be in the Yards by October 1.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the request of the City Manager. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Benstead asked why these things are not brought up ahead of time, and the City Manager replied that this should have been and it was not because of oversight.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Jahn.

Supt. of Public Works John V. Russell said in that same line, he has asked that the paving of the yard begin September 15, so it will be done without fail before October 1. The Bus Department must have a slab in there 20' x 40' for tire changes etc. It has to be 6" thick concrete and reinforced. Pascoe has said they will put this slab in for us for the sum of \$400. Mr. Russell said if he has to wait to take bids on that, it will be too late, and he asked for permission to accept this bid.

Mr. Russell explained this is the going price for such work, and a fair price.

Councilman Drale moved to authorize Mr. Russell to proceed and work out such an agreement with Pascoe.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

The City Attorney asked to be instructed to prepare an ordinance amending the Land Use Ordinance to provide that the Council hold Hearings on Variances.

This was discussed by the Council.

Councilman Blount moved that the City Attorney be so instructed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Beasley gave a report on his trip to Sacramento as a member of the Intercities Highway Committee and one of the two Council representatives. Mr. Beasley said the delegation was composed of representatives from the 10 Bay Cities, and consisted of about 40 people. After their presentation to the Highway Commission, they had been told this was one of the largest and certainly most impressive delegations that had been before the Commission. There had been several unexpected supporters of our cause, and one was Assemblyman Vincent Thomas. Councilman Beasley said Assemblyman Thomas had gone before a Commission for the first time in his 18 years as a member of our State government, because he said he recognized the dire need for the freeway.

Another supporter of the Committee's plea was Supervisor Chace; just preceding the presentation made by our group, Councilman Beasley went on, Long Beach had been there and asked for consideration of the freeway from Long Beach to Santa Ana. Supervisor Chace had declined to support that request, but he spoke in our support because he felt the need was much more urgent in our case. Supervisor Hahn was also present and supported us very strongly.

Councilman Beasley said that Mr. Gerald Honey from North American, the representative from El Segundo, and our own Councilman Nickolas Drale, acting as Chairman in the introduction of speakers, had made a wonderful presentation of our needs.

As a result, Councilman Beasley felt our request would be given the highest priority by the Commission. He explained that the Highway Commission is now preparing its budget, and when that is ready we will know how we have fared.

Councilman Drale concurred in the report by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Bradford asked why, in construction such as that on Lomita Blvd., the black top was not included with the grading, filling, etc.

The City Engineer said we have an annual contract on some of the material.

Councilman Bradford felt that was for maintainance material, and this is a new street. He believed we would make a saving if **they** had the bidders supply the black top too. He explained that they already have their machines in there, and we would not have to pay a moving charge for machines.

The City Engineer said our contract is not restricted to maintainance, and said he would like to review this with Councilman Bradford.

Councilman Bradford repeated that he thought we would save by having the black top on new streets bid as a part of the work.

The City Engineer said we may find this to be true.

Mayor Isen asked when the bids are due on Lomita Blvd., and the City Engineer thought it was on Tuesday.

Councilman Bradford understood that some time ago an ordinance was being drawn for the City licenses; he asked if it could be prepared and the license costs be based on the flat rate plus a fee per person employed within the City by a business. He thought that would be a fair way of setting license fees.

Mayor Isen thought this should wait a while longer.

Councilman Drale said he had suggested a provision basing license fees on gross income.

Councilman Bradford pointed out that would involve auditing and other checking procedures.

Councilman Beasley said he had discussed this with License Inspector Whitacre, and he is willing to prepare it and bring it to the Council for next year. There is a matter of time involved.

Councilman Benstead said we have a lot of commercial development going in at this time.

Councilman Beasley did not believe this would stop them.

Mayor Isen suggested that the two volunteers, Councilmen Beasley and Bradford, meet with the License Inspector and City Attorney and go into this, if they could arrange to do so.

The City Manager said a lot of work had been done on this last year.

Mayor Isen agreed that the work should be checked to be sure it is used to advantage, and that this would come under the Finance Committee who should meet with the City Attorney and the License Inspector on it.

Councilman Drale said Supervisors Chace and Hahn and Assemblymen Thomas and Chapel had helped us in Sacramento, and had gone there to do so at their own expense. He thought they should have letters from

us expressing our thanks, and he so moved.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered, with Mayor Isen directing Mr. Mansfield to prepare the letters.

Concerning the four year college, Councilman Drale said he had found this must be approved by the Legislature, who set up the areas and we would have to go to Assemblymen Thomas and Chapel. Perhaps they can get an area set up here and our request can go to the Legislature. He thought we should indicate our need. He felt the Legislature was not aware of the growth in this area and of our need for such a college.

Mayor Isen asked if this meant another Assessment District.

Councilman Drale said it did not; this is different from a Junior College. He explained that the State would pay the cost of a State College.

Mayor Isen requested permission to be absent from the next two Council meetings.

There were no objections.

The question of who would Chair those meetings was discussed, and it was agreed that the Council would choose one of its members to do so when they convene next week.

Councilman Benstead moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P. M.

A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk of the City of  
Torrance, California

By *Hal Whitacre*  
Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED:

*Albert Isen*  
Mayor of the City of Torrance